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HERRING STILL PLENTIFUL.

Large Catches Being Taken at Fortune and Placentia Bay.

The St. John's, N. F., Chronicle says:

"Herring are reported still plentiful in Fortune Bay and daily large catches of these fish are made. When the Portia was at St. Jacques on Thursday Mr. Randall Young had about 400 barrels in his seine just off his wharf, and Isaac Burke far outside when the Portia went in, returned when the steamer was leaving port, and reported having hauled 500 barrels in his seine about midway between St. Jacques and Blue Point. These are remarkably good hauls and several are not the first, as other seine owners have been equally fortunate. This would indicate that these fish are returning to the scene of their former habitations in Fortune Bay.

"There is still plenty of herring in all points in Placentia Bay, the fish having returned to their old haunts this year. Large quantities are being secured daily and there is now enough ashore to load 10 vessels, but operations are delayed owing to want of frost. There are five Novo Scotian vessels in Connaigre Bay also waiting for frost before taking on board their cargoes."

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MADE BIG HAULS OF POLLOCK.

Boats Reach Port in Snow Storm With Decks Loaded.

They just did wallop the pollock off here yesterday. Every craft which was out got a haul and some of them got catches of remarkable size. The schools were plenty, the sea calm and the weather mild and the steamers certainly "laced" them in good style.

The sight of crafts coming in at this season of the year, with a northeast snow storm in progress, loaded to the gunwales with pollock, and some even with decks full, is truly unusual, but this is what happened here last night and this morning.

The fortunate crafts included the steamers Bessie M. Dugan, Bryda F. Jeffery, Quoddy, Nomad and sch. Margie Smith. Some of them sold a little quick perhaps last night, but those who held off till this morning will make unusual stocks. Capt. Solomon Jacobs in the Bessie M. Dugan, has a full load and calls his catch about 80,000 pounds, which fare sold this morning at \$2.30 per hundred weight, which is equivalent to coining money.

Steamer Bryda F. had 33,000 pounds and steamer Jeffery 9000 pounds. The Quoddy had 11,000 pounds and the Nomad 8000 pounds. These two latter crafts were unfortunate inasmuch as they made good hauls, but tore up their seines, losing the most of their catches.

This morning sch. Margie Smith, Capt. Edward Peterson, came in and she was loaded with pollock. The hold was full and there was a good load on deck. Capt. Peterson called his catch 80,000 pounds. He was offered \$2.50 per hundred weight, but preferred to take chances of hanging on and marketing the catch at Boston Monday.

The sport of pollock is most unusual at this time of the year, but the fish have been reported schooling freely off Thacher's island for the past month or five weeks.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, came in from Brown's bank with 20,000 pounds of fresh fish and schs. Priscilla, Clara G. Silva and Walter P. Goulart landed small fresh fares at the Fort.

Quite a number of the shore boats did not go out yesterday and these with those which the storm drove in for shelter, makes quite a fleet in port this morning.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Eugenia, Brown's Bank, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 80,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Margie Smith, shore, 80,000 lbs. pollock.

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Steamer Bryda E., shore, 23,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Jeffery, shore, 9000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Quoddy, shore, 11,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Nomad, shore, 8000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Aspinet, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Esther Gray, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Yankee, shore.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Hortense, shore.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 12 cents per lb. for white and 10 cents for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.;

medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large,

\$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod,

\$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.;

medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.;

medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.;

haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, West-

ern cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium

do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60;

medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for

large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for

snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90

cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed

70 cts.

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TWO FROZEN HERRING CARGOES HERE

During the night two of the Newfoundland fleet arrived home from Bay of Islands, schs. Saladin and Arbutus both bringing full cargoes of frozen herring and big deck loads of pickled stock. Both crafts had lots of head winds on the passage. But one craft of the fleet remains to arrive.

Sch. Saladin arrived here early last evening. Capt. Jerry Cook reports a long spell of mild weather at Bay of Islands. For 18 days the thermometer hovered around the 45 degree mark and only once in that time went as low as 28 degrees above. The weather was most unprecedented there and the native fishermen were at a loss to account for it. There was no ice in the gulf.

Sch. Saladin left Bay of Islands a week ago Saturday after dark, and from the start, clear up to Cape Sable had nothing but a steady grind of heavy, head winds. Off the Cape one heavy westerly compelled the craft to heave to for a while to save her deckload. Coming across the Bay of Fundy the craft ran into the recent heavy northeaster and snow storm. It was evidently not so heavy as was experienced on the shore here for the schooner came along through it under reefed foresail. The snow, however, was very thick and heavy and piled right up on the vessel's deck something unusual at sea. This was followed by a pouring rain.

Sch. Arbutus also left Bay of Islands a week ago Saturday, in command of Capt. John McInnis, and her experience was similar to that of the Saladin.

Sch. Claudia sailed for New York yesterday to take out her cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson will go to Philadelphia with her cargo of frozen herring.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, which completed the discharge of her cargo of coal at New York last week, arrived home here this morning with a load of coal.

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Change of Skippers.

Capt. John F. Vautier of this city will command the Boston sch. Squanto in the mackerel seining fishery this season.

Capt. John Matheson will command the gasoline auxiliary sch. Monarch in the southern mackerel seining fishery.

Sch. Dauntless will be commanded by Capt. Ambrose Fleet in the coming mackerel fishery season.

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FISH PLENTIFUL WITH HIGH PRICES

Lent Makes Demand For Incoming Fares.

The wharf has a good supply of fish to begin the week on this morning, for in the fleet at the dock are seven off-shore crafts with fine fares and 11 of the market fleet with average catches. Prices admit of no kicking on the part of skippers and crews and many good checks are in sight.

The crafts of the off-shore fleet are schs. James W. Parker, Moonam, Richard, Regina, Morning Star and Natalie J. Nelson with from 40,000 to 53,000 pounds and sch. Lucania with 70,000 pounds. Sch. Natalie J. Nelson has been gone but five days, having made a very quick trip in spite of the bad weather. Capt. Albert Larkin reports striking big fishing. All these vessels will make good stocks and some of them go over the \$2000 mark.

Sch. Margie Smith, which went up from here with her big catch of 70,000 pounds of fresh pollock, got \$2.50 per hundred weight for the great catch. As she was offered that figure here Saturday she will not come out as well as though she had sold here at the local offer. However, her stock will be the largest probably, ever made by a pollock seiner on a single trip, and the crew are in for a \$100 share, if not better.

Of the market fleet sch. Margaret Dillon is in the lime light with a fare of 27,000 pounds, 15,000 pounds of which are hake. The fare will fetch over \$1000. Sch. Victor and Ethan, Helen B. Thomas, Aspinet and Flavilla also have fine trips and will profit accordingly.

Prices are on the high keys. Off shore haddock, new, brought from \$3.50 to \$3.75, with shores at \$4. Off shore cod were quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, the latter figures also applying to shore stock. Hake went to \$5.25, with cusk and pollock at \$2.50. Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, which has 31,000 pounds of cod in her off-shore trip, and all new, sold them at \$5 right through.

The receipts in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Lucania, 45,000 haddock, 25,000 cod.

Sch. James W. Parker, 45,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Moonam, 38,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 22,000 haddock, 31,000 cod, 1000 pollock, 200 halibut.

Sch. Regina, 40,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Morning Star, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Margie Smith, 70,000 pollock.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 10,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Stranger, 1300 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Aspinet, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Richard, 30,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Flavilla, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Victor and Ethan, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 8000 cod.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 12,000 haddock.

Sch. Mary Edith, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 8000 haddock, 3000 cod, 15,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Hockomock, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 4500 haddock, 500 cod, 100 hake.

New off-shore haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.75 per cwt.; old off-shore haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.80; off shore cod, \$4.50 to \$5;

shore haddock, \$4; shore large cod, \$5; shore market cod, \$3; hake, \$5.25;

cusk, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.50.

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Were Damaged by Gale.

Schs. Cavalier and John Hays Hammond of this port arrived at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday. Both captains report heavy weather coming across the Bay of Fundy. Sch. Cavalier broke the jaws of her main-gaff and will get a new set before proceeding. Sch. John Hays Hammond broke her fore gaff and will get a new one.

Capt. John Swim of sch. Etta Mildred, reports very heavy weather on Brown's Bank recently. One sea stove the only dory the craft carried.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Nearly the entire Portland fishing fleet were safely tied up at Commercial or Central wharves Saturday, and as near as could be learned not a single vessel was out in the storm. Many of the vessels came in Friday afternoon while others crept into port during the evening and it is believed that all are safe and sound. While the vessels were all tied up at the wharves the men on board did not have an easy time as they were forced to watch the lines, owing to the heavy swell running in.

Provincetown Fish Notes.

The delegation from T wharf fish buyers have combined with the Jos. A. Rich Fish Company at Railroad wharf and started in doing business there Tuesday. Prices advanced. The New York fish buyers have also been looking over the ground of buying the fish caught here and later developments are expected.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of halibut of sch. Tacoma sold to the American Halibut Company at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents per pound for gray.

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POLLOCK FLEET INCREASING.

Some Crafts Made Big Shares For Last Week's Work.

The good fortune of those engaged in pollock seining has started up other skippers to fit out and before the end of the week, the fleet will assume quite large proportions. There are now six in the fleet, and it looks as though it would easily be doubled. All the fleet engaged made big money last week.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, shared \$97 on her two trips last week and sch. Margie Smith at T wharf today, will about hit a \$100 share for her big fare.

Capt. Elroy Prior is fitting sch. Effie M. Prior, Capt. Percy Firth is fitting sch. Eglantine, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer has fitted sch. Jennie H. Gilbert and Capt. Douglas McLean is fitting steamer Quartette, all for pollock seining off here.

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Made Good Stock.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$1784 on her recent haddock trip landed at the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company Friday, the crew sharing \$40 clear.

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WEEK OPENS WELL WITH FISH.

Arrivals This Morning Include Many Branches.

The week opens well here as far as arrivals are concerned. Two of the Newfoundland herring fleet are in, also a fresh halibuter with a fine fare, one of the off-shore haddockers and a handliner via Portland with some fresh cod. There has been a general clearance of vessels. All the pollock seiners have gone out and the market fleet as well, there being but two shore boats left in port.

The herring catchers are schs. Saladin and Arbutus, both from Bay of Islands, N. F., with full cargoes of frozen herring.

The halibut catcher is sch. Tacoma, Capt. Adelbert Nickerson. She has been out quite a while, but was unfortunate in losing her rudder on the banks, during heavy weather and had to make a provincial port for repairs, which took quite a while. However, she has a fine trip and will make a good stock.

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Sch. Mary F. Curtis of the off-shore haddock fleet brings 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and the deck handliner Etta Mildred, which took out quite a quantity of halibut at Portland last week, is here with 10,000 pounds of fresh cod.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Receipts.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Tacoma, Quero Bank, 30,000 lbs halibut.

Sch. Saladin, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls. frozen herring, 30 bbls. salt herring, 150 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Arbutus, Bay of Islands, N. F., 800 bbls. frozen herring, 180 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Brown's Bank, via Portland, 10,000 lbs. fresh cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. T. M. Nicholson, Philadelphia.

Sch. Claudia, Philadelphia.

Sch. Stranger, Boston.

Sch. Aspinet, Boston.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, Boston.

Sch. Margie Smith, Boston.

Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, Boston.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.

Sch. Thalia, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Motor, shore.

Sch. Yankee, shore.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.

Sch. Genesta, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Manomet, shore.

Sch. Hortense, shore.

Steamer Quoddy, pollocking.

Steamer Nomad, pollocking.

Sch. Harvard, deck handling.

Today's Fish Market.

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Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50! mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

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WILL MAKE THIRD HERRING TRIP.

Sch. Indiana has completed the discharge of her cargo of salt herring and is going to try it again, for Capt. Almon D. Malloch, her owner, feels satisfied the open winter will continue at Bay of Islands and the Gulf of St. Lawrence and that he can get to the former place, load and get out all right and not get caught by the ice jam.

Capt. Malloch went up to Boston yesterday and left word with Capt. John Keoughan, his mate, who brought the craft up the homeward stretch of her last record-making voyage, to fit the craft out and have her ready by Thursday, which means that she will go again, unless conditions change before that time.

If the craft does go, it will be a record for lateness of starting unprecedented in the annals of the herring fishery.

Capt. Malloch has not decided whether or no he will go himself or send Capt. Keoughan. Herring are still reported plenty at Bay of Islands with no ice in sight in the Gulf.

SALT BANKERS WILL SOON FIT.

Will Cause Spring Activity Along the Harbor Front.

There are no arrivals here this morning with fish fares. The harbor has a very quiet appearance and looks "dry," too, for all the boats are out and about all the off-shore vessels also.

Sch. Arkona came down from Boston in tow, having discharged her cargo of frozen herring there. The same tug took up sch. Oregon to take out her load of frozen ones.

Sch. Claudia went to New York Sunday with her cargo of frozen herring and not to Philadelphia as previously reported.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson will go to Boston to discharge her cargo of frozen herring after sch. Oregon completes discharging.

Some of the salt bankers will probably begin to fit out next week and then the spring season around the harbor front will be on in earnest.

Capt. Joseph P. Mesquita will now fit out sch. Frances P. Mesquita for the Georges fresh cod and haddock fishery, carrying eight double dories. Capt. Mesquita has had his craft hauled up for nearly three months and this trip starts his year's work.

The arrivals in detail are:

Today's Arrivals.

Sch. Arkona, Boston.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Sch. Lucania, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Seaconnet, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. Leo, shore.

Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Steamer Nomad, pollocking.

Steamer Quoddy, pollocking.

Steamer Mystery, pollocking.

Sch. Oregon, Boston.

Sch. Mary Emerson, pollocking.

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Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts., dressed 70 cts.

WRONG NAME OF VESSEL.

Peterson and Hanson Were Lost from Sch. Waldo L. Stream.

Charles Peterson and Edward Hanson, the two fishermen reported lost from sch. Florence E. Stream yesterday, were lost from sch. Waldo L. Stream. The fact that Capt. Frank Stream, now of the latter craft, went in the former craft for so many years and his name becoming habitually linked with it, accounting for the slip in the name of the vessel.

Portland Fish Notes.

The fishing fleet which has been at anchor in the harbor during the recent storm, put to sea Sunday morning, but found the weather outside so rough that it was impracticable to fish, and the most of them returned. The fishing schooner Topsail Girl, which has been out for 15 days, returned to harbor light having found the weather so unfavorable that she could not secure a fare. During the day Saturday several fishermen arrived, bringing an aggregate of about 70,000 pounds of fish. The arrivals were:

Schs. Eva and Mildred, with 12,000 pounds fish; Katie L. Palmer, 5000; Albert W. Black, 7000; Bernie and Besse, 4000; Topsail Girl, 6000; Fanny